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A BILL FOR

1 An Act concerning weight limits for certain commercial motor
2 vehicles on noninterstate highways.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.463, subsection 5, paragraph c, Code
 2 Supplement 2009, is amended to read as follows:

3 c. (1) The maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on
 4 a ~~livestock or construction~~ commercial motor vehicle, other
 5 than a special truck, on noninterstate highways, provided the
 6 vehicle is operated by a person with a commercial driver's
 7 license valid for the vehicle operated unless section 321.176A
 8 applies, is as follows:

9 NONINTERSTATE HIGHWAYS
 10 MAXIMUM GROSS WEIGHT TABLE
 11 ~~LIVESTOCK OR CONSTRUCTION~~ COMMERCIAL MOTOR VEHICLE

12 Distance			
13 in feet	6 Axles	7 Axles	
14			
15 44	80,500	80,500	
16 45	81,000	81,500	
17 46	81,500	82,500	
18 47	82,000	83,500	
19 48	83,000	84,000	
20 49	83,500	85,000	
21 50	84,000	86,000	
22 51	84,500	87,000	
23 52	85,000	88,000	
24 53	86,000	88,500	
25 54	86,500	89,500	
26 55	87,000	90,500	
27 56	87,500	91,500	
28 57	88,000	92,000	
29 58	89,000	93,000	
30 59	89,500	94,000	
31 60	90,000	95,000	
32 61		95,500	
33 62		96,000	

34 (2) Notwithstanding any provision of this section to the
 35 contrary, the maximum gross weight allowed to be carried on a

1 noninterstate highway by a livestock vehicle with five axles, a
2 minimum distance in feet between the centers of the first and
3 fifth axles of sixty-one feet, and a minimum distance between
4 the two rear axles of at least eight feet and one inch is
5 eighty-six thousand pounds.

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EXPLANATION

7 This bill provides an exception to existing weight
8 restrictions for certain six and seven axle commercial motor
9 vehicles traveling on noninterstate highways. Currently, most
10 vehicles or combinations of vehicles are subject to a gross
11 weight limit of up to 80,000 pounds; however, the gross weight
12 limit for a livestock or construction vehicle with six or seven
13 axles ranges from 80,500 pounds to 90,000 pounds for six axles,
14 and up to 96,000 pounds for seven axles. The bill extends the
15 same weight limits that apply to livestock and construction
16 vehicles to all commercial vehicles of similar size.

17 The bill requires that a commercial motor vehicle traveling
18 under the relaxed weight restrictions must be operated by a
19 person with a commercial driver's license valid for the vehicle
20 operated, unless the operator is exempt from commercial driver
21 licensing requirements under existing law.

22 The provisions of the bill do not apply to vehicles operated
23 on interstate highways.